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## Local Church News - September 2012



**Decatur UCC, Decatur, GA**, has begun a new week-night series entitled "Brew and the Bible," whose members meet every Thursday evening to enjoy dinner, drinks, and to discuss Marcus Borg's book *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time*. This series follows "Wine and the Word," a group that met each Thursday evening in June to study *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant.

The children of Decatur UCC enjoyed a Journey to Congo on June 25-29. We had a great time with some of DUCC's kids, and several neighborhood visitors, as we explored the culture, food, arts, and music of the Democratic Republic of Congo. They also learned some important Bible stories that helped them remember to be good neighbors, learn from one another, and to share our love. The children brought in a "Change for Change" offering, totaling \$221 in spare change, to send to a school in Congo. This was definitely a life-changing journey!

### Suite Goodbye: Hale Woodruff's Jazz Send-off

Dwight Andrews, noted composer, scholar, jazz musician, and pastor of First Congregational Church UCC, Atlanta, performed a rousing musical tribute to the majestic murals of Hale Woodruff. The Talladega Murals left the High Museum of Art on Saturday, September 1, to travel on to the African American Museum in Dallas, where they will be on exhibit from October 6, 2012 to February 28, 2013. The musical line-up included Dwight Andrews, saxophones, flute, and bass clarinet; Tyrone Jackson, keyboards; Moffett Morris, bass; Che Marshall, drums; plus The Voices, a new Atlanta-based eight-member vocal ensemble.

**First Congregational Church UCC, Montgomery**, has called Dr. Wendy Coleman to serve as their pastor succeeding Michael Garrett, who served them for 16 years. Dr. Coleman teaches at Alabama State University, and was ordained by First Monumental Faith Missionary Baptist Church, Albany, GA, where she served for three years as an associate.

**Bethany Congregational Church UCC, Thomasville, GA**, has organized to search for a new pastor upon the resignation of their pastor of five years, Jeremy Rich. Jeremy has accepted a call to serve as pastor of First Baptist Church of Thomasville.

### Art & Spirituality Workshop September 22, 2012

10 am – 2 pm

Sponsored by: Pilgrimage UCC  
3755 Sandy Plains Rd.  
Marietta, GA 30066-3021



## UCC News

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Headlines from the United Church of Christ

**Ohio UCC congregation kicks off centennial celebration with \$10K collection**

To kick off the celebration of its centennial anniversary, the congregation of East View UCC in Shaker Heights, Ohio, set an ambitious goal, pledging to collect \$10,000 in the offering on Sunday. Together, members met that pledge, starting a fund for improving the building they've called home.

The theme – Life Stories  
Beginning with the questions – who am I, where have I been, where am I now and where am I going? - We will, using the poetry of Teresa of Avila, seek out aspects of our own story and give visual expression of that story through a guided art experience. Artistic ability is not a prerequisite but only a desire to be in touch with your inner self.

The workshop leader is Rev. Henrietta Andrews, retired UCC pastor; member of First Congregational Church in Atlanta; member of the Committee on Ministry for the Southeast Conference; and a Certified Spiritual Companion.  
Please RSVP with Lynne Buell at [office@pilgrimageucc.org](mailto:office@pilgrimageucc.org)office@pilgrimageucc.org .

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